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## MRS. R. J. LEWIS PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Rebecca Lewis died at her home in Louisa Wednesday night after a long illness. She had suffered for 25 years with stomach trouble and this finally caused her death. She was in her 75th year.

The funeral will be held at the M. E. Church South at one o'clock on Friday, preaching by Rev. J. D. Bell. The interment on Pine Hill will follow.

Mrs. Lewis was a daughter of George Shannon and was born near Louisa. Most of her life was spent in the town, where she always enjoyed the highest respect. She had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church South and was a regular attendant at services until ill health prevented. For several months her condition has been very critical.

She is survived by two sons, Alonzo C. and George R., and two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Barto of Arizona, and Mrs. Martha Chestnut of Portsmouth, Ohio.

## FORMER JOHNSON COUNTY WOMAN DIED MONDAY

The Ashland Independent says: Mrs. Mary Kimbler, wife of John H. Kimbler of Kays creek, died Monday evening at the Kings Daughters hospital in Ashland from the effect of burns sustained that morning when her clothing took fire from a gas stove at her home.

Mrs. Kimbler was terribly burned on Sunday morning while busy about a gas stove. The flames caught her clothing and enveloped her from head to foot. She was hurried to the hospital as quickly as possible where everything was done to alleviate her suffering and she passed away at the hour stated.

The body was taken to the home of Mr. Robinson at Glydesville, a brother of the deceased. The funeral was held at Sitka, Johnson co., on Wednesday at two p. m. Mrs. Kimbler was thirty-seven years of age. She leaves her husband and five children, the oldest being a daughter of fifteen years, the youngest a babe just two months old.

## SHOWER FOR BRIDE.

Miss Blanch May Bromley, the bride elect, was honored on Monday afternoon by Miss Helen C. Vinson who called together a number of young ladies at her home on Franklin street. They spent a few hours very pleasantly chatting and hemming tea towels for the bride.

An elegant plate luncheon was served by Miss Vinson and her mother Mrs. George R. Vinson.

It was an interesting group of girls, nearly half of the number being on the spring list of brides to be and doubtless there are those among the others who are planning that their announcement come as a surprise.

The guests include Misses Blanch and Sue Bromley, Agnes Abbott, Gladys Land, Hattie Carter, Clara Bromley, Opal Spencer, Julia D. Snyder, Roberta Dixon, Lou Chaffin, Vivian Hays and Virginia Hager.

## KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL GIRL ATTACKED BY NEGRO

Ashland, Ky., Jan. 25.—On her way home last night from the Ashland High School, where she is a member of the freshman class, Miss Hazel Newman, 14 years old, was pulled from her bicycle by an unknown negro, who attempted to kiss her.

Her screams frightened him away. The child jumped on her wheel, turned and made her way back to the school where she notified Superintendent Hender.

The negro escaped.

## BOYD COUNTY COUNCIL.

The annual council meeting of Boyd County Sunday School Association met in Ashland Tuesday evening at the home of the county secretary, Miss Georgia Kouns.

W. J. Vaughan, State Field Worker, was on the program.

## ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Mrs. Pauline Adams, formerly of East Lynn, but who has lived in Portsmouth, Ohio, for several years, is on trial in the Portsmouth courts, charged with the murder of a man several weeks ago.

## BIG FIRE AT KERMIT.

It is reported that Preece's store and a number of other business houses at Kermit, W. Va., were destroyed by fire Tuesday night, causing heavy losses.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Haywood and family wish to express their sincere appreciation of the sympathy and kindness shown by friends during the illness and after the death of Mrs. Haywood's father, Mr. Z. T. Spencer.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Geo. E. Owen, of Saybrook, Ill., will preach morning and evening at the Christian church on next Sunday. This congregation extends a very cordial welcome to everybody to attend these services.

## REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.

Accidentally shot in the left knee last Saturday morning, Lincoln Muncy, 16, of Louisa, was removed to the King's Daughters' hospital in Ashland. He was taken from his home to Kenova by the N. & W. train.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Randolph Skaggs, 24, of Red Bush, to Minnie Lyons, 16, of Blaine.

Forest Rogers, 19, to Etta Houck, 18, of Houcksville.

## New Wells Drilled in the Local Field

A well just drilled in by Muncy & Vanhook for the Ohio Fuel on L. S. Alley looks better than the average in the Two Mile field.

A well on the Felix Pyle farm, in the upper Blaine field, drilled by the Union Gas & Oil company, is a big producer. It has been flowing ever since it was drilled in.

A gas well drilled on the John A. Dorton farm, on upper Keaton, is estimated to be good for more than a million feet per day.

The lease and operation is owned by Louisa and Ashland people.

## THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY DIE WITHIN SIX MONTHS

Mr. Albert McGowan died on January 20 at his home at New Boston, O. He was a former citizen of Louisa and moved to Portsmouth some years ago. He is survived by two sons and several daughters. One daughter, Mrs. Fred Lynch, of Orlando, Florida, was prevented from attending the funeral by illness in her family.

It will be remembered that Mr. McGowan's wife died last month. Her death occurred on December 20, one month previous to the day of his death. Also, on the 15th of last August the burial of their son took place, his body arriving from France where he died while in army service.

In their bereavement the members of the family have the sympathy of their many friends in Louisa.

## Z. HOBACK DIES.

Zeri Hoback 62, of Kenova, W. Va., died Saturday morning at his home following an illness of several months. He was a prominent resident of Kenova and an employer of the Norfolk & Western railroad.

Mr. Hoback is survived by his wife, three sons, William of Dock creek, W. Va.; John and Lawrence of Huntington, two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Bloss of Dixon, W. Va.; Mrs. Minnie Hancy of Dudley, W. Va., and two brothers, John Hoback of Huntington, and E. F. Hoback of Flatburg, Mo.

The funeral service was held at Dock creek Monday.

## REVIVAL SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Beginning on Monday night, January 31, a series of meetings conducted by the pastor and Rev. W. C. Reeves, D. D., of Ashland, Ky., and evangelistic singer, T. P. Carter, of Hendersonville, N. C., will be held with this church.

Doctor Anderson on last Sunday announced from his pulpit that the pastors and churches of the city are most cordially invited to co-operate in this meeting.

Doctor Reeves is no stranger to the people of Louisa, and Mr. Carter devotes all his time as an evangelistic singer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## YOUTH OBTAINS FREEDOM FROM KENTUCKY PENITENTIARY ON 21ST BIRTHDAY

Frankfort, Ky., January 24.—Not only did Andrew Denies, of Pike co., attain his majority today, but he obtained his freedom from the penitentiary because it was the anniversary of his twenty-first birthday. When sentenced to prison two years ago for larceny Denies was supposed to be 17 years old. The judgment compelled his confinement until he was 21 years old. His sisters arrived here today with papers proving that he was 21 to-day, so he was released from prison.

## MANY BABIES ARE STARVING

Herbert Hoover is raising a great fund in America to feed the starving children of Europe. He has asked the picture shows to help by giving a benefit performance. The generous managers of Eldorado will do their bit. Don't forget the date.

A special matinee will be given at Eldorado Saturday, January 29th, beginning at 2:00 p. m. and every cent of the proceeds will go to this fund. Not even running expenses will be deducted. The school children will call upon you with tickets and whether you can come or not, buy a ticket from them. Your help may be the means of saving many lives.

If you wish to contribute more, make your check payable to Franklin K. Lane, Treasurer European Relief Council and leave it at the box office. Admission, children 10c, adults 20c. No war tax will be collected.

## TYPHOID EPIDEMIC AT PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

Pikeville, Ky., Jan. 25.—There are 60 cases of typhoid fever in Pikeville. Physicians blame drinking water for the epidemic. Chemical analysis of the water showed it to be unfit for drinking purposes unless boiled.

## CO. SUPERINTENDENTS MEET.

Prof. Dock Jordan, Superintendent of Schools in Lawrence co., returned Wednesday morning from Frankfort where he had been attending the annual meeting of county school superintendents of Kentucky. Of the 120 in the state 110 superintendents were present at this meeting.

## Location of Mayo Trail Settled by State Board

### Injunction Filed by County Attorney of Lawrence Stops Work on the Entire Project.

January 20, 1921.  
To The Citizens of Lawrence Co.:  
Mr. Joe S. Boggs, State Highway Engineer, has approved the location of the Mayo Trail through Lawrence co., as follows:

Beginning at Bolts Fork at the Boyd county line and by way of Estep, Vessie, Fallsburg to Louisa, thence up Lick creek, Patrick Gap, Georges creek by Lowmansville to the Johnson county line.

This decision was rendered upon my location and Mr. Pearson, Division Engineer's approval for the following reasons, mainly the route from Louisa to Johnson county line:

FIRST:—The route as approved was first voted upon by the people of the county when the bond election was held.

SECOND:—The cost of construction is very much less than any other route.

THIRD:—There are fewer hills or mountains to cross and thereby less expensive to the public in traveling over same.

FOURTH:—and most important is, the maintenance on the road would be fifty per cent less than any other route.

This is the final decision and the question of route is settled as far as the State Highway Department is concerned.

M. E. S. POSEY,  
Division Engineer.

## Injunction Stops Map Work.

To the Citizens of Lawrence County: Please note the following letters:

Ashland, Ky., Jan. 25, 1921

Mr. J. C. Jolley,  
Chief Draftsman,  
Office.

Dear Sir:—I just received a wire that there was an injunction served in Lawrence County prohibiting the county from issuing bonds in accordance with their donation to the State this month.

Inasmuch as this injunction might stop all Lawrence county's road work for this year, I think it is advisable to stop all office work of the Mayo Trail through Lawrence county until I advise later.

Yours very truly,

M. E. S. POSEY,  
Division Engineer.

Copy to Judge Billy Riffe,  
Louisa, Kentucky.

## Statement From Mr. Posey.

I wish to make the following statement to the Lawrence county citizens: Our department has not the money to pay the draftsman for completing the plans and drawing of the Mayo Trail unless your county pays for same in accordance with the last order passed by your fiscal court. These plans have been completed by March 10 in order to get work contracted by May 1 so as to hold the appropriation of \$125,000 which your court passed in December.

This injunction prevents your Trustee, Billie Riffe, from paying for said drawing; also, from paying the estimates each month in accordance with the Fiscal Court's order.

There will be nothing done anywhere in Lawrence county until this is either dismissed or settled.

Your Fiscal Court has acted wisely and everything they have done has been in accordance with the advice of counsel and the Attorney General and is lawful.

In Lawrence county going to be the stumbling block to the whole Big Sandy Valley, also to Virginia and Tennessee, who are meeting now to build from Jenkins to Charleston, S. C., and also to Knoxville so they can get out to Ashland and to the north and east?

Lawrence county citizens are now facing the problem of either taking a progressive step or else going backward, and remaining in the mud for years.

The whole State is watching you and it is a question for you citizens to decide, as your Fiscal Court has passed the necessary orders and is now enjoined by your County Attorney.

Are you in favor of this National Highway or do you prefer to remain in the mud and be a stumbling block to the whole valley?

Are you so selfish that if it does not pass your door you prefer the whole county to lose the road and probably the whole Sandy Valley? Do you want Johnson, Floyd and Pike county citizens to go by Salsberyville, West Liberty, Frenchburg, and Mt. Sterling instead of coming through your county?

Do you want to close your county up and not allow the citizens of the north and south to pass through your county and you citizens to be bottled up all to yourselves?

You must wake up and take a hand immediately to furnish the money to complete the plans and furnish the amount as ordered by your Fiscal Court or else lose the National Highway through your county.

We have located it, tried to advise you and help you, but if we meet with opposition every time we try to help you we will be forced to stop and spend our efforts in some county that wants roads.

Your Fiscal Court and Advisory Committee have done their duty, now get behind them, help fight the injunction and the parties behind it who are trying to kill the progress being made to pull Lawrence county out of the mud.

M. E. S. POSEY.

## Virginia Wants To Connect.

Big Stone Gap, Va., Jan. 15, 1921.  
M. E. S. Posey.

Dear Sir:—I wish to point out to you the opportunity you fellows have to add 100 per cent more prestige to the Mayo Trail, which we think will be one of the most important highways in the whole south.

The present effort of our good roads boosters is brand new. This meeting is the first of a series of meetings planned. The foundation for this organization was a Knoxville-Washington Highway through the Kentucky coal fields down the Big Sandy. I doubly urge on you to rally a bunch of your boosters and see if it is possible to meet us half way. I would urge that what action you do take will be given generous space in your local paper and sample copies be sent to the enclosed list of recognized leaders who have given real evidence of their interest. We must and some way to let our people know the facts, both your people and our people.

Do you and your good roads boosters know that John Chawkey of Big Stone Gap in the daddy of good roads in the south, and our county, Wise, blazed the way twelve years ago with a \$700,000 bond issue? It is the same J. W. Chawkey, who is leading this drive to meet you fellows at the Kentucky line at Jenkins.

Win R. Ponder, manager of the Knoxville Board of Commerce, and Willie Baker, Pres. Knoxville Automobile Club, and Howell J. Davis, Pres. Knoxville Board of Commerce, are giving the heartiest moral support. You call some kind of a committee meeting and give us some dope on what you fellows on the Big Sandy are doing so our leaders will have a better knowledge of the immense opportunity before us all. We must wake up to the vast possibilities of a bigger, broader and wider co-operation.

The big push to get the Lee Highway fixed and financed is going to take the wind out of our sails. It runs from Washington to Knoxville, and the big meeting in Knoxville January 17. Bill Ponder of Knoxville says Knoxville doesn't know about the Kentucky possibility. You and I will try to let them know. One ounce of initiative is worth a million. Do it in the press.

We are coming to meet you at the Kentucky line at Jenkins. We can't get real government money till we all pull together in mass formation. Will you do your part? You and Ashland can and must lead the way. Will you make a try for it?

Very truly,  
W. G. COUTTS.

## The Injunction.

It is said the injunction filed by the County Attorney is part of an effort to defeat the entire Mayo Trail enterprise. Already it has had the effect of stopping work on the plans. It is said the best possible aid to those who are trying to divert it to the route leading from Paintsville to West Liberty and Mt. Sterling.

It is hardly necessary to recite here the extent of the calamity that the loss of this Federal road would be to Lawrence county. This should be evident to every citizen and should cause a general protest.

Is it any wonder that Lawrence county lost 2000 population between 1910 and 1920? And the worst of it is that the best class of citizens who grew sick and tired of the narrow policies, the incompetency and the small jealousies that have prevented any progress in road building or other important enterprises.

If the injunction game should prove effectual in defeating the greatest enterprise that ever came within reach of the Big Sandy valley the NEWS will cite the people of Lawrence county to one or more opportunities to use the injunction in a better place.

## Co-operation Needed.

What the citizenship of this county needs is a broader vision and a better spirit of co-operation; less of the "dog in the manger" attitude, and less patent politics.

The Mayo Trail is not the only hard road within the grasp of Lawrence county. Nothing can keep us from getting more hard roads except falling out amongst ourselves and arraying one section of the county against another. The bitterness and loss of common sense that results from such a course will defeat any good proposition.

The NEWS has heretofore explained the favorable position we are in to get State aid on other roads if we all pull together. We have neither time nor space to repeat it here, but will have more to say about it from time to time.

"Public office is a public trust and not a private snap."

Every county needs officials who do not assume to be dictators, but prefer to be servants of the people; who are broad enough to act only for the county at large; who do not attempt to block the will of the people and the action of the courts; who do not use their offices for selfish purposes or political advantage; who are willing to have good roads almost given to the county; who will admit that professional engineers of reputation and integrity can best locate the roads; who realize their limitations in detaching to the State and Federal governments.

## Wedding of Miss Bromley and Mr. W. B. Trevillian

One of the prettiest and most interesting events of the season took place on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock when Miss Blanch May Bromley became the bride of Mr. Wm. B. Trevillian. The scene of the wedding was the Baptist Church in Louisa which had been effectively decorated for the occasion. The choir loft and chancel was separated from the main auditorium by a pleasing arrangement of green and white crepe paper, a gateway leading to the chancel. Ferns and baskets of roses furnished the adornment for the choir enclosure. The ushers were Messrs. G. W. McAlpin, E. L. Wellman, W. T. Cain, Jr., G. R. Burgess, L. G. Lunquist and A. R. Plummer.

From a side door Misses Elizabeth Conley and Agnes Abbott, Mrs. G. R. Vinson and Mr. W. T. Cain, Jr., entered, taking places near the piano. Mr. Cain sang in his usual good voice, "O Promise Me." Miss Elizabeth Conley played the accompaniment.

With Mrs. G. R. Vinson, pianist, and Miss Agnes Abbott, violinist, the march signaled the entrance of the bridal party. First came Miss Clara Bromley and Mr. G. R. Burgess, Miss Bromley marching down the left aisle and Mr. Burgess the right, followed by Miss Vivian Hays by the right aisle and Mr. W. T. Cain, Jr., the left. Next in the same order were Miss Margaret Lou Chaffin and Mr. L. G. Lunquist and Miss Helen Vinson and Mr. E. L. Wellman, taking their places near the altar.

Miss Sam Bromley, her sister's maid of honor, alone preceded the bride who entered on the arm of her father, Mr. Sam Bromley. They were joined at the altar by the groom and his brother, Mr. Norman Trevillian, of Charleston, W. Va., who served as best man, the two young men entering from the vestry.

The impressive words of the marriage ceremony were spoken by Rev. Chas. Fox Anderson, pastor of the church, the ring ceremony being used. After prayer was offered the bride and groom left the church by the left aisle, followed by the maid of honor and best man and brides maids and groomsmen.

The bride, always a handsome girl, was especially so on this occasion. She wore a traveling suit of blue embroidered duvetyne with squirrel collar and hat to match, black suede shoes and white gloves. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. Her maid of honor was attired in blue tulle, Misses Clara Bromley and Helen Vinson also wore blue and Misses Vivian Hays and Lou Chaffin were dressed in brown.

Their hats were of the large picture style. The flowers worn by each of the ladies of the bridal party, and those taking part in the music, were corsages of pink sweet peas.

The bride, who is a young lady of much beauty and possessed of unusual charm, has a wide circle of admiring friends. Many are the good wishes that follow her into married life.

Mr. Trevillian, formerly of Charleston, has been in Louisa the past year as manager of the Continental Supply Company, where he has shown himself to be an efficient and trustworthy man. He is a young man of excellent character and habits.

The bridal couple left over the C. & O. for Louisville and before returning to Louisa will go to Charleston, W. Va., for a visit. Upon their return here they will be at the Brunswick Hotel.

The out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. Norman Trevillian and Miss Virginia Trevillian, of Charleston, and Mrs. Rowland Vernal, of Huntington, brother and sisters of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Skene and daughter of Petersburg, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. George W. McAlpin, of Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. Those with members of the bridal party were entertained on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bromley.

## DEATH REMOVES HENRY HINKLE

The death of Mr. Henry Hinkle took place on Sunday night at nine o'clock after an illness of only a few days. The cause was typhoid and brain fever. He had not felt well for a few weeks but had kept up until the Thursday before his death.

Mr. Hinkle was a good citizen. He moved from Chapman a few months ago to one of the Government houses on the West Virginia side of the river and was employed as one of three lock-keepers at this place. His sudden illness and death came as a shock to his family and friends.

Mr. Hinkle was 47 years of age. His family consists of the wife and one son, Ezra Hinkle, who has employment in Philadelphia and was called home to see his father.

On Tuesday the body was taken to Wards Beach for burial. J. L. Gussler and relatives of the family accompanied the body which was taken to Kins on the Government boat.

Funeral and burial services were held at 2 o'clock.

## CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank the many friends who administered unto me during the sickness and death of my darling husband who was killed in the coal mines at Wayland, Ky. Especially do we wish to thank the kind people at Wayland who took me and my darling babe in and cared for us during our trials.

Also, Bro. Cassidy for his comforting words of comfort and others who spoke kind words to me. Charley was ready to go. His wife, MARGARET BOWE.

## AGED CITIZEN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mr. Z. T. Spencer passed away last Saturday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Haywood on Lock avenue in Louisa. He had been in failing health about seven years and for the past few months had been confined to his room. His death was not unexpected as his condition had been hopeless for some time.

Mr. Spencer was 72 years of age. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Verne Dameron of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Fannie Haywood, of this place, and two sons, Grover Spencer, of Minnesota and Tom Spencer of Kenova, W. Va. One brother, D. C. Spencer, of Louisa, and a sister, Mrs. T. J. Spencer, of Thelma.

Mr. Spencer was born in Lawrence county and spent the early part of his life near Charley. He had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Haywood the past several years.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at the residence where a large number of friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. The service was conducted by Rev. J. D. Bell. Rev. John Cheap was present and made an appropriate talk.

The remains were taken to Pine Hill cemetery where interment was made in the Haywood lot.

## MRS. FRANCES ROTEN IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Frances Emmeline Roten, 72, died at her home in Huntington Saturday after a long illness. Although she had been ill for two years, her condition only became serious within the past week. Mrs. Roten had resided in Huntington during the past two years, moving there from South Point, Ohio.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Arthur Davidson, of Ironton, and Misses Anna, Grace and Nora Roten of Huntington.

Burial was made at Highland cemetery at Ironton.

## STEPHEN M'CLURE DIES, AGE 76

Stephen McClure died Wednesday night at Ardell, Wayne county, W. Va., and will be buried Friday at 11 o'clock at that place.

He was a brother of Mrs. Nancy Billups, of Louisa, and has many other relatives in this county. He was one of the best citizens in this section.

Out of a family of 17 brothers and sisters who grew to maturity near Gallup, only three now survive—Mrs. Sarah Bloss at Huntington, age 80, Mrs. Billups, 87, and Prof. T. E. McClure of Wayne, about 73. One of the sisters who moved to Tennessee lived to be 96 years of age. The father Wm. McClure, was married but once and he and his wife died within a few months of each other. The seventeen brothers and sisters were never all at home at the same time.

## CRUDE PRODUCTION IN KENTUCKY DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER

County	Barrels
Allen	55,797.82
Anderson	240.20
Bath	1,659.47
Estill	\$3,749.17
Floyd	545.00
Jackson	116.04
Johnson	11,018.48
Knott	310.53
Lawrence	24,012.24
Lee	438,357.91
Lincoln	\$2.52
Magoffin	15,468.58
Menifee	7,809.27
Morgan	1,031.00
McCreary	\$62.05
Powell	25,987.55
Wayne	25,562.64
Warren	22,008.71
Wolfe	9,251.96
Total	720,873.18

## \$500 REWARD OFFERED FOR ARREST OF SLAYER</